

TOBACCO DEPARTMENT.

RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 12.—Offerings of tobacco at auction on "Change were very light today."

Private sales reported to the secretary today: Wrappers, 35 bushheads; smokers, 55 bushheads; cutters, 5 bushheads; smokes, 2 bushheads; semi, 8 bushheads; burleys, 5 bushheads; brights, 20 bushheads; Total, 135 bushheads.

Office of the tobacco inspector reports today: Inspections—Bright, 30 bushheads; dark, 5 bushheads; Re-inspections—Bright, 5 bushheads; dark, 101 bushheads.

Farmers, W. C. Gresham, Neale's, Dayes, & Son, Planter's and Merchants, Shadburne's, Shadburne and Seaboard's, warehouses report today: Receipts, 46 bushheads; 52 barrels; 5 barrels; 5 cases; Deliveries, 82 bushheads; 5 barrels; 5 cases.

Office of the collector of the United States internal revenue reports collections for the city of Richmond for today, as follows:

Tax paid cigars and cigarettes, \$6725; Received, \$2000.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York Stock Market.

Barrard & Groseck telegraph to C. W. Branch & Co., bankers and brokers, No. 111 Main street, as follows:

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The stock market has been very strong all day, advancing steadily from the opening to the close. Last prices bear out the theory of the day, that the market is reacting to the likelihood of a thorough settlement within twenty-four hours of the strike on the New York Central, and also numerous rumors with reference to prompt action by Secretary Windom for the relief of the situation, conducted by the members of the market. The first cables from London this morning showed a decided improvement in quotations over last night's closing prices, which were influenced by the arrival of the bulls, who were repelled yesterday, plucked up courage, and bristled for battle again. Their purchases all around the room in the early hours of the day started a general advance. Seeing this, bears began to retreat. The result of their retreat was to give the market strength and quickened its advance materially. By noon the room was full of bull talk, and everything on the jump. Several dealers, who had been holding out, were forced to form in various stocks, and everything else in the money market was changed for the better. There was very little money offering during the day, and the rates for call loans was at one time as high as 10 per cent. This is not pleasant.

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W. H. BOYD, 111 Main street.

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There was a good inquiry for all grades of brights and darks, both leaf and strips, many half-sized parcels finding buyers. The chief transactions, however, were in dark filler strips.

Massachusetts tobacco was mostly dry to-day, owing to withdrawals from stores which would otherwise have taken it. There was no much scope for operations to dry leaf, and ex-sellers have had no any benefit from an increased demand.

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